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Howe Elementary has proven that simple changes in daily practices can make a big difference. By setting attainable goals and being persistent, this school community was able to make significant improvements. I offer my sincere congratulations to everyone at Howe Elementary School for their commitment to energy efficiency and conservation. They make the State of Iowa proud.●

RECOGNIZING MORRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to congratulate Morris Elementary School in Des Moines, IA, which was granted the Energy Star Rating in recognition of its achievements and practices in energy conservation.

The Energy Star Program is jointly managed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. This program encourages many facets of energy efficiency. In order to attain the Energy Star Rating, schools must score in the top 25 percent under EPA's national rating performance system.

At a time when the United States leads the world in energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases, Morris Elementary is serving as a role model for schools across the Nation. Under the guidance of the Des Moines School District, Morris became an Energy Star Partner in May 2008. Morris has reduced its energy consumption, operating costs, and greenhouse gas emissions. Simple measures such as turning off lights, computers, and convenience appliances have made a big difference.

It is important that we recognize the accomplishments of schools such as Morris Elementary. Along with helping the environment, Morris is also saving the school district money. During these tough economic times, with school budgets under extreme pressure, this is more important than ever. Just as important, these energy conservation actions by the Morris Elementary community instill a strong sense of environmental and natural resource stewardship. Morris Elementary's students, teachers, and staff are fostering excellent habits of conscientious citizenship.

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RECOGNIZING OAK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to congratulate Oak Park Elementary School in Des Moines, IA, which was granted the Energy Star Rating in recognition of its achievements and practices in energy conservation.

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At a time when the United States leads the world in energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases, Oak Park Elementary is serving as a role model for schools across the Nation. Under the guidance of the Des Moines School District, Oak Park became an Energy Star Partner in May 2008. Oak Park has reduced its energy consumption, operating costs, and greenhouse gas emissions. Simple measures such as turning off lights, computers, and convenience appliances have made a big difference.

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RECOGNIZING PERKINS ACADEMY

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to congratulate Perkins Academy School in Des Moines, IA, which was granted the Energy Star Rating in recognition of its achievements and practices in energy conservation.

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At a time when the United States leads the world in energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases, Perkins Academy is serving as a role model for schools across the Nation. Under the guidance of the Des Moines School District, Perkins became an Energy Star Partner in May 2008. Perkins has reduced its energy consumption, operating costs, and greenhouse gas emissions. Simple measures such as turning off lights, computers, and convenience appliances have made a big difference.

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Perkins Academy has proven that simple changes in daily practices can make a big difference. By setting attainable goals and being persistent, this school community was able to make significant improvements. I offer my sincere congratulations to everyone at Perkins Academy for their commitment to energy efficiency and conservation. They make the State of Iowa proud.●

RECOGNIZING PLEASANT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to congratulate Pleasant Hill Elementary School in Pleasant Hill, IA, which was granted the Energy Star Rating in recognition of its achievements and practices in energy conservation.

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At a time when the United States leads the world in energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases, Pleasant Hill Elementary is serving as a role model for schools across the Nation. Under the guidance of the Des Moines School District, Pleasant Hill became an Energy Star Partner in May 2008. Pleasant Hill has reduced its energy consumption, operating costs, and greenhouse gas emissions. Simple